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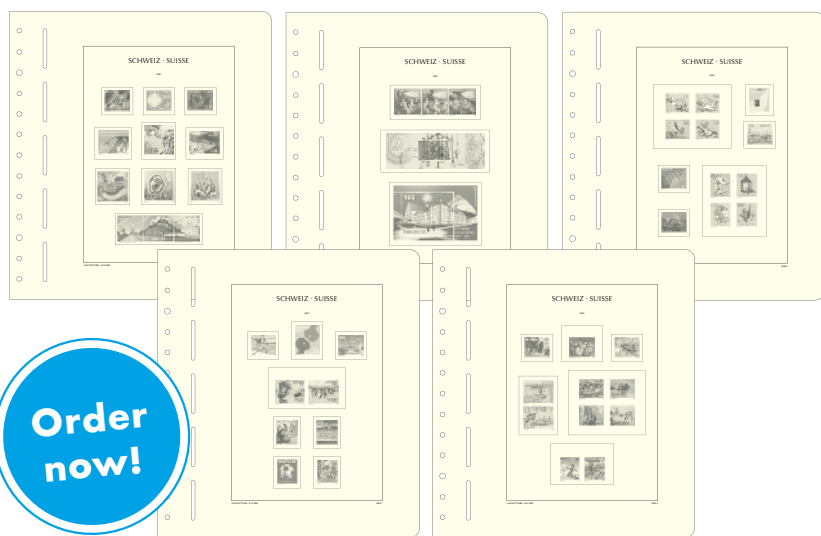
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Photo: Urs Graber

Dear Reader

Being able to tell a story is a vital part of communication. Good stories move the audience, inspire them and take them on a journey. For around five years, part of my daily work has involved planning, conceptualizing and implementing communication measures for stamps and philately – in other words, telling stories. I am extremely fortunate that so much fascinating information and so many exciting topics are behind the stamps and their designs. Once again, the latest stamp issue contains many inspiring stories for you.

A good story often has a special setting. The Rigi – one of Switzerland's leading tourist destinations and the Queen of the Mountains – definitely meets that criterion. The magnificent views over the surrounding peaks and Lake Lucerne, featured on the special stamp marking the 150th anniversary of the Rigi Railways, are quite breathtaking.

A good story usually has heroes. The Summer Olympic Games 2020 had to be postponed by a year due to coronavirus. The special stamp now sets the mood for this forthcoming major event. Fingers crossed that the Swiss athletes go down in sporting history in Tokyo in summer 2021!

A good story is evocative. Whenever I think of summer, I recall wonderful days from my childhood. But I also long for new adventures and a sense of freedom, especially during the coronavirus pandemic. What emotions do our Summer stamps evoke in you?

Last but not least, a good story can be told in just a few words, even if the topic is extremely wide-ranging and multifaceted. This also applies to the Sustainability special stamp. The winning design, which emerged from a student competition, invites us to search for words in three languages and discover the stories and issues behind them.



Allow yourself to be moved, inspired and taken on a journey by the stories on the following pages. I really hope you enjoy reading this issue.

Karin Weber
Communication Project Manager & Conceptualist

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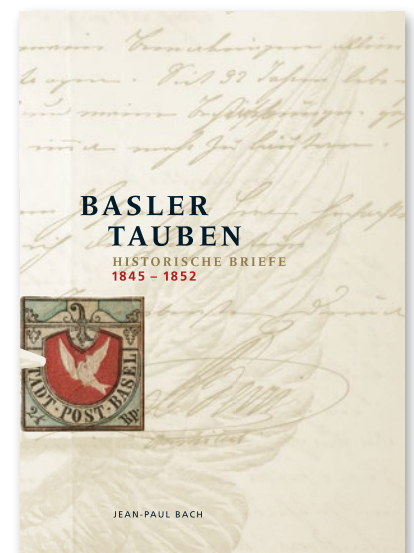
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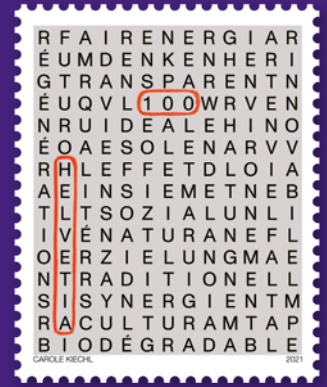
Basel Dove book

To mark the 175th anniversary of the "Basel Dove", an illustrated book of the same name by Jean-Paul Bach is being published. Not only does it contain the biography of the architect Melchior Berri, it's also packed with images and fascinating information on 400 letters franked with the Basel Dove, transcriptions, stamp impressions and much more besides. The book was awarded a gold medal.

Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
"Basel Dove" books			
Book without special sheet (in German only)		A332 900	29.00
Book incl. special sheet of 4 stamps (4 × 1.00+0.50) (in German only)		A332 901	35.00
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Basel Dove book



Sustainability

A major issue on a small format. Encompassing the environment, economy, social affairs and art, sustainability is an extremely diverse and multifaceted topic. All of this can be discovered in a playful way on the new special stamp "Sustainability".

The special stamp is the result of a design competition organized by Swiss Post in conjunction with the Bern University of the Arts.

22 highly dedicated students in their second year of the Visual Communication course were given the task of presenting various dimensions of sustainability in a positive and appealing way in form of a stamp design. After learning and testing various creative techniques, they worked in groups to create extensive visual worlds. All the students then continued the work individually, with close support from their lecturers. The result were 22 varied, astonishing and highly original designs, from which the best eight were selected and presented to the Stamp commission in the final round.

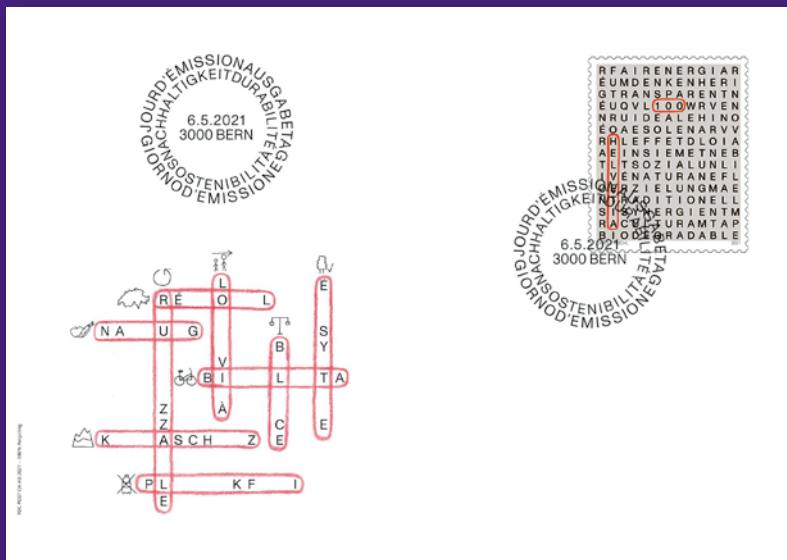
Carole Kiechl's design was declared the winning design. The stamp is designed to encourage people to complete the word search puzzle – both before sending and after receiving letters. As well as the already circled word "HELKETIA" and the face value "100", there are 24 other German, French and Italian words related to sustainability to be found. How many can you find?

Find out more about how designer Carole Kiechl created the stamp.



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Sheet of 16 stamps	A355 111	A355 511	16.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A355 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A355 630	4.90
Unstamped cover C6	A355 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A355 640	A355 650	1.80
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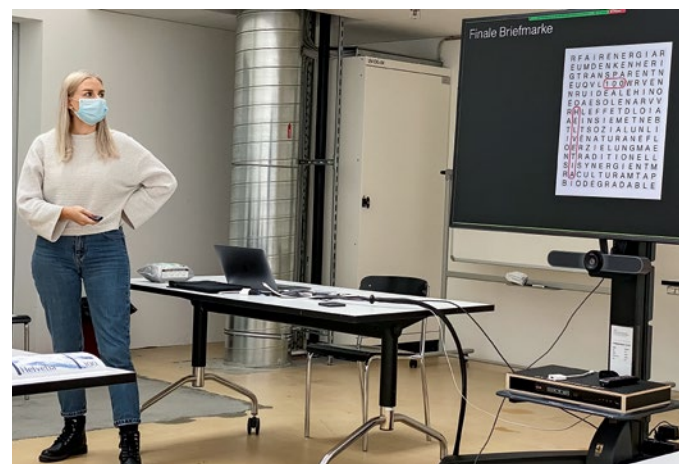
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Validity	Unlimited from 6.5.2021
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Principality of Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 32.5×40 mm Sheet: 161×190 mm (4 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	Special paper, grs Crash Corn Mais, PVA gummed, 120 gm ²
Perforation	13½
Design	Carole Kiechl, Zurich



Briefing the students at the Bern University of the Arts
Photo: Andreas Netthoevel



The creative process
Photo: Andreas Netthoevel



Carole Kiechl presents her design to the jury
Photo: Andreas Netthoevel

Sustainability

The following seven designs by students at the Bern University of the Arts also made it through to the final round of selection – four of them are available as a set of picture postcards:



Adriana Fabbriatore

The design plays with the concept of a graph to symbolize global warming.

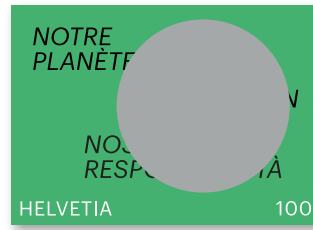
Available as a picture postcard in the set of four.



Anaïs Boogman

The ice cube symbolizes Earth and the fact that it is slowly melting due to global warming.

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Hannah Boldt

The circular area of the scratch-off ink represents our planet. The act of scratching off the ink illustrates how our actions impact the planet.

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Aaron Aebi

The sphere highlights the global urgency of the topic of sustainability. The boat, made of the sustainable material wood, alludes to the expression “we’re all in the same boat”.

Available as a picture postcard in the set of four.



Matthieu Dillier

The design symbolically depicts the various dimensions of sustainability.



Mylène Martz

The image conveys the paradox between the beauty of water and the irresponsible way in which the oceans are being filled with plastic.

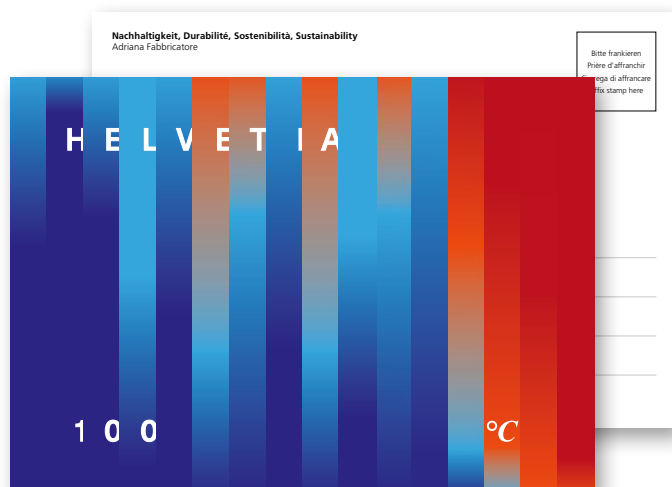


Charlotte Burkhardt

Sustainability is reduced to the colour green. The neon effect is emblematic of a green Switzerland. HELVETIA and the face value of 100 appear in embossed printing.

Special stamp

Sustainability



Picture postcard by Adriana Fabbriatore



Picture postcard by Anaïs Boogman



Picture postcard by Hannah Boldt



Picture postcard by Aaron Aebi

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Woodland brown



Scarce large blue

EUROPA – Endangered national wildlife

The woodland brown and the scarce large blue – two butterflies that could hardly be more different. But they do have one thing in common: both are classified as endangered species in Switzerland.

The topic selected by PostEurop for this year's EUROPA stamps is "Endangered national wildlife." Switzerland's contribution was produced by the highly dedicated scientific illustrator Nina Schwarz from Bern. The designs are of the woodland brown (*Lopinga achine*) and the scarce large blue (*Phengaris teleius*) – because insects are also classified as wild animals. The illustrations seek to highlight the delicate nature of these animals through a highly detailed and lifelike style.

The meticulous presentation and vibrant background colours aim to catch the eye and emphasize the fact that the animals are under threat. Pro Natura provided invaluable expert advice during the creative process.

Choose the most beautiful stamp

PostEurop is again holding an online vote this year – make sure to take part! The vote will be open from 9 May to 9 September 2021. Full details can be found at posteurop.org/europa.

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Sheet of 16 stamps	A356 111	A356 511	16.00
The sheet includes 2 x 8 stamps with the "Woodland brown" and "Scarce large blue" designs. The designs are not available individually.			
Special sheet of 8 stamps	A356 990		8.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A356 580	2.90
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A356 600	3.80
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A356 630	4.90
Unstamped cover C6	A356 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A356 640	A356 650	2.80



Set on first-day cover C6

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Printing	Offset, 5-colour; Gutenberg AG, Schaan, Liechtenstein
Sizes	Stamps: 40x32.5 mm Sheet: 190x162 mm (4 rows of 4 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm ²
Perforation	12
Design	Nina Schwarz, Bern

Tips for a butterfly-friendly garden

Butterflies need diversity. Make sure you plant mainly indigenous shrubs, wild flowers and meadow herbs and follow organic principles to cultivate your garden. Lawns full of flowers, areas with tall grass and a corner for nettles and thistles provide sources of food and a place of refuge for many caterpillars and butterflies.

Finally, being a bit lazy about working in the garden is actually very helpful: piles of branches, dry shrubs and infrequently mowed lawns provide vital habitats.

Further details and tips on creating a butterfly-friendly balcony can be found at: pronatura.ch/de/schmetterlingsfreundliche-garten



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150 years Rigi Railways

The Rigi is one of Switzerland's leading tourist attractions. Located in the center of the country, the Queen of the Mountains can be reached by several railways nowadays. Europe's first mountain railway opened 150 years ago.

The idea was doggedly pursued by its creator Niklaus Riggenbach, the engineer who designed the railway. After patenting his invention of running trains up inclines using a cogwheel system in France in 1863, more and more people put faith in his plan. On 21 May 1871, the Vitznau-Rigi Railway was officially opened as Europe's first mountain railway.

The special stamp created to mark the 150th anniversary shows the famous view from the Rigi over Lake Lucerne and the magnificent peaks of Stanserhorn, Bürgenstock and Pilatus.

Traction unit no.1, depicted in red, is typical of Rigi Railways' rolling stock and is travelling on the anniversary route. The designers from "Büro Nord" in Küsnacht am Rigi were able to gain inspiration for their design literally by looking out of the window.



Postal card



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Validity	Unlimited from 6.5.2021
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: 28×33 mm Sheetlet: 192×115 mm (2 rows of 5 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm ²
Perforation	14¼:14
Design	Philip Bernhard and Kilian Suter, Küssnacht am Rigi

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Stamps			
Single stamp	A354 150	A354 550	1.00
Block of four	A354 160	A354 560	4.00
Sheetlet of 10 stamps	A354 311	A354 351	10.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A354 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A354 630	4.90
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5		A354 590	11.20
Unstamped covers/sheetlets			
C6 (162×114 mm)	A354 700		0.90
C5 (229×162 mm)	A354 701		1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A354 640	A354 650	1.80
Postal stationery			
Postal card, face value CHF 1.00 and 1.00 for the card	A354 841	A354 846	2.00



Sheetlet of 10 stamps

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Drink



Sunglasses



Watermelon



Ice cream

Summer

A fresh take on stamps: everyone will warm to these amusing designs. After all, who doesn't want to be able to send some summer vibes by mail?

Evoking a summer atmosphere through simple items – that was the design brief given to three artists for these special stamps. "Sunglasses", "Drink", "Ice cream" and "Watermelon", some classic elements of summer, were picked as the themes. Swiss Post employees then voted on the three proposed sets of designs.

The designer Patrick Oberholzer from Winterthur emerged as the winner. To make the designs as eye-catching as possible, he used a warm, powerful and fresh range of colours with a clear use of form.

Despite the small format, there's plenty to discover in his designs: the designs are enriched by the use of playful features, such as a fruity silhouette for the drink, a touch of Swissness reflected in the sunglasses and sweet decorations on the cone. For the typographical elements, Oberholzer opted for a geometrically structured font, which is incorporated into the illustrations in a readable and harmonious way with its rounded zeros and reduced forms.



Sheet of 10 stamps each



Set on first-day cover C6

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Validity	Unlimited from 6.5.2021
Printing	Offset, 5-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamps: max. 28×33, or 33×28 mm Sheet: max. 82×228 mm (open), max. 82×114 mm (folded) 5 rows of 2 stamps
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 196 gm ²
Perforation	Perforated along outline
Design	Patrick Oberholzer, Winterthur

Three questions for Patrick Oberholzer, the designer of the Summer stamps

Which of the four designs do you identify with most?

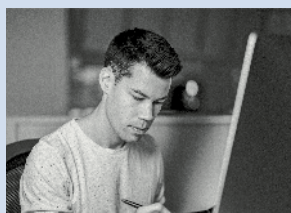
On hot days, I most enjoy a chilled, home-made ice tea.
So, for that reason, I'd say the drink.

What do you love most about summer?

The long days! All the sunshine means you've got more energy in the evenings, which allows you to enjoy the season all the more. Summer months seem to last longer than winter months.

What's your favourite time of year?

The time between spring and summer – when nature is at its greenest, it's warmer but not scorching, and being outdoors is pleasant.



Patrick Oberholzer
Photo: Michael Haug

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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A353 150	A353 550	3.70
Set of blocks of four	A353 160	A353 560	14.80
Sheet of 10 stamps			
0.85 Drink	A353 361	A353 381	8.50
0.85 Sunglasses	A353 362	A353 382	8.50
1.00 Watermelon	A353 363	A353 383	10.00
1.00 Ice cream	A353 364	A353 384	10.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A353 580	4.60
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (4 covers)		A353 600	7.30
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (4 covers)		A353 630	18.40
Unstamped cover C6	A353 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A353 640	A353 650	4.50



Summer Olympic Games 2021

Looking ahead to the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, Swiss Post has created a special stamp in conjunction with Swiss Olympic. The stamp aims to put the Swiss public in the mood for the major sporting event in Japan.

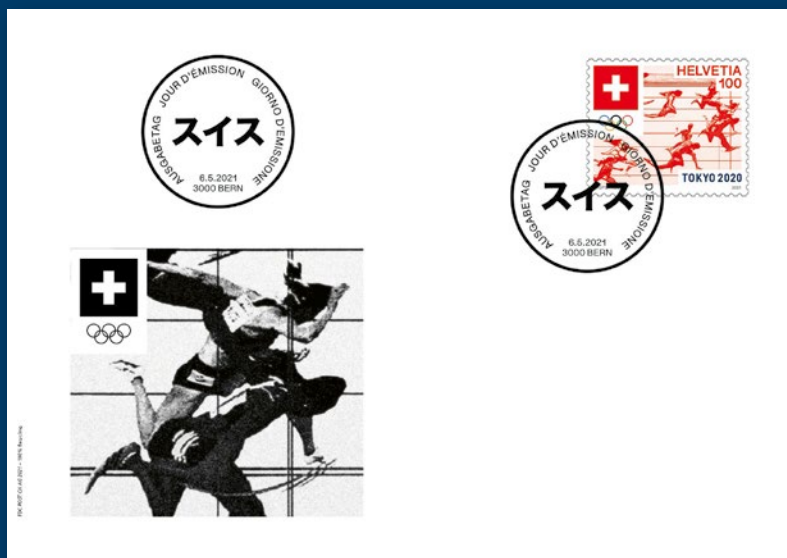
On 23 July 2021, the long wait for the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo will finally be over: over 100 elite Swiss athletes are set to parade around the Olympic Stadium during the opening ceremony in Japan's capital and then compete for places on the podium until 8 August.

The major event is being held a year later than scheduled, after the global spread of coronavirus forced the organizers to postpone the Games. But that only makes the anticipation of "Tokyo 2020ne" even more exciting!

To get Switzerland in the right spirit for the 32nd Olympic Games, Swiss Post is issuing a special stamp in conjunction with Swiss Olympic, the National Olympic Committee.

It was created by Kasper Kobel, a graphic designer from Burgdorf, and shows a classic photo finish. The sheetlet embraces the Olympic values of "Excellence, Friendship and Respect" and features the landscape and writing of the host nation Japan.





Single stamp on first-day cover C6

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Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 192×95 mm 2 rows of 4 stamps
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm ²
Perforation	13¼:13½
Design	Kasper Kobel, Burgdorf



Sheetlet of 8 stamps

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Stamps			
Single stamp	A357 150	A357 550	1.00
Block of four	A357 160	A357 560	4.00
Sheetlet of 8 stamps	A357 311	A357 351	8.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A357 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A357 630	4.90
Sheetlet on first-day cover C5		A357 590	9.20
Unstamped covers/sheetlets			
C6 (162×114 mm)	A357 700		0.90
C5 (229×162 mm)	A357 701		1.20
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A357 640	A357 650	1.80

125 years Touring Club Switzerland (TCS)

The Touring Club Switzerland is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2021. The special stamp created to mark the occasion is adorned with various extraordinary features related to road safety.

Founded in Geneva in 1896 by 205 cycling enthusiasts, the TCS is now Switzerland's biggest mobility club, with 1.5 million members, 23 sections and 1,700 employees. As well as providing services, advice, insurance and product recommendations for its members, the club also supports Switzerland's best interests by promoting safe and sustainable mobility – whether by foot, bicycle, motorbike, car, public transport or future forms of mobility.

The stamp's special shape depicts a road with a luminous yellow pedestrian crossing in the middle, all in perspective. The postage amount, shown in an up-right position, represents protective railings. Even the stamp's colour scheme symbolizes the theme of safety – it is based on the vests children wear on the way to school, with the background printed in silver to match. All of these features make the TCS's special stamp a true homage to the topic of safety.



Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A358 150	A358 550	1.00
Block of four	A358 160	A358 560	4.00
Sheet of 16 stamps	A358 111	A358 511	16.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A358 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A358 630	4.90
Unstamped cover C6	A358 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A358 640	A358 650	1.80



Single stamp on first-day cover C6

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Validity	Unlimited from 6.5.2021
Printing	Offset, 5-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands
Sizes	Stamp: Diamond-shaped with side length of 34 mm Sheet: 157×157 mm 4 rows of 4 stamps
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm ²
Perforation	13¼
Design	Vito Noto, Lugano

75 years International Handball Federation (IHF)

The International Handball Federation (IHF), the global governing body for indoor, beach and wheelchair handball, was founded on 12 July 1946 and is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2021.

The special stamp illustrates the work done by the IHF from its headquarters in Basel to promote the dynamic, popular and exciting team sport.

The blue and gold of the court and the hand holding the ball pay tribute to the IHF's colours, while a red and white handball goal can be seen in the background. A player jumping is shown in the spotlight, highlighting the sport's dynamic nature. Originally played outdoors with teams of 11 versus 11, each side is now made up of seven players for the indoor game and four for the beach game.

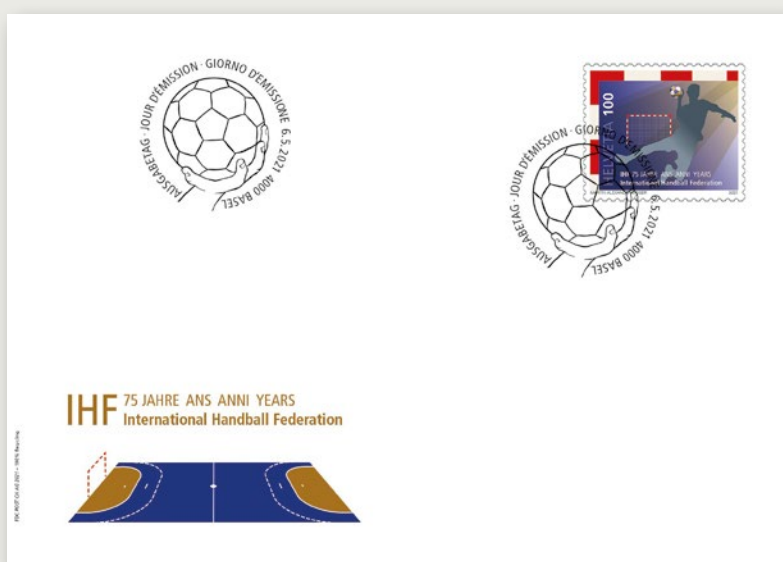
In terms of the number of admission tickets sold, handball was the second biggest sport at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. In 2018, beach handball made its Olympic debut at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

With six continental confederations and 209 national associations, the IHF is one of the biggest sporting federations recognized by the International Olympic Committee.



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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Single stamp	A359 150	A359 550	1.00
Block of four	A359 160	A359 560	4.00
Sheet of 20 stamps	A359 111	A359 511	20.00
Covers			
Single stamp on first-day cover C6		A359 580	1.90
Block of four on first-day cover C6		A359 630	4.90
Unstamped cover C6	A359 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A359 640	A359 650	1.80



Single stamp on first-day cover C6

Technical information

Sales	Philately: from 29.4.2021 to 30.6.2022 or while stocks last Branches: from 6.5.2021 to 30.6.2022 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 6.5.2021
Printing	Offset, 4-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 194×140 mm (4 rows of 5 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm ²
Perforation	13¼:13½
Design	Martin Alexander Moser, Interlaken

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Pro Patria – Craftsmanship and cultural heritage

This year's Pro Patria stamps take us back to the Middle Ages and beyond. They feature a sculpture and a fresco in the process of being restored – a tribute to an increasingly important discipline when it comes to conserving artefacts of cultural history.

The conservation and restoration of cultural and historic artefacts require specialist knowledge. Restoration specialists focus on various disciplines, such as buildings, paintings, sculptures, graphic art, written documents and materials. They work closely with heritage conservation authorities and traditional craftspeople. The work carried out by these specialists is extremely demanding and entails tremendous responsibility, as every item undergoing restoration is unique. To gain a real understanding of what's involved, Daniel Peter, the designer of the new special stamps, asked these experts for some support.

The design depicts the meticulous work performed using delicate tools on medieval works of unknown origin: there's a Gothic wooden sculpture, presumably showing St Peter, and also a fresco from a church or chapel in the Alps. Both artefacts can be found at the Bern University of the Arts.



Fresco



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Product	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Stamps			
Set	A360 150	A360 550	2.75
Set of blocks of four	A360 160	A360 560	11.00
Sheet of 20 stamps			
0.85+0.40 Fresco	A360 111	A360 511	25.00
1.00+0.50 Sculpture	A360 112	A360 512	30.00
Covers			
Set on first-day cover C6		A360 580	3.65
Single stamp on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A360 600	4.55
Block of four on first-day cover C6 (2 covers)		A360 630	12.80
Unstamped cover C6	A360 700		0.90
Folder/collection sheet			
A5	A360 640	A360 650	3.55
Stamp booklet			
4 stamps at CHF 0.85+0.40 with "Fresco" design and 6 stamps at CHF 1.00+0.50 with "Sculpture" designs	A360 300	A360 800	14.00



Set on first-day cover C6

Technical information

Sales	Philately: from 29.4.2021 to 31.12.2021 or while stocks last
	Branches: from 6.5.2021 to 31.12.2021 or while stocks last
Validity	Unlimited from 6.5.2021
Printing	Offset, 5-colour; Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France
Sizes	Stamps: 33×28 mm Sheet: 194×140 mm (4 rows of 5 stamps)
Paper	White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm ²
Perforation	13¼/13½
Design	Daniel Peter, Bern



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“The best hobby in the world”

Lightning-fast fists and hard-fought contests are part of his everyday life: Bern-born Richard Schaefer is a successful boxing promoter in Los Angeles and is no stranger to playing hardball. In his downtime, he likes nothing more than to explore postal history: he’s an avid stamp collector.

Richard Schaefer, I imagine you’re probably the only boxing promoter who collects stamps?

I’d imagine so. It does me good, because I can really switch off when I’m focusing on my stamp collection, and it keeps my mind busy. Boxing can be a nasty business – I often have to play hardball outside of the ring.

Do you have time for collecting stamps alongside running your business?

When I was pursuing a career as a banker and then later organizing record-breaking fights between Mayweather and Oscar de la Hoya, there wasn’t much time for collecting. But now, during the pandemic, I’ve got lots of time on my hands. I’m incredibly grateful for philately. It’s the best hobby in the world! It brings me a huge amount of joy every day.

How did you start collecting stamps?

My grandfather was a stamp collector, and he got my father and me into it. My father is a philately expert – he’s won major prizes for his collections and written several books.

When did you begin collecting seriously?

As a teenager. I entered my first collection in an exhibition when I was 26 and won first prize. The theme was Swiss international mail from the 15th century to the early 20th century – it’s a unique collection to this day.

And now?

My main interest is Swiss postal history. I find it fascinating to find out who’s written a letter, what kind it was – business correspondence, a love letter or an invoice – whether it was transported by ship, horse-drawn carriage, train or courier, who paid for it and how and how long its journey took.

Do you keep your collections in a safe?

No, as soon as I’ve put a lovely collection together, I put it back into circulation and focus on a new theme. I enjoy the research, discovery, collecting and labelling, but not holding on to things.

You’ve lived in Los Angeles since 1987. Do you collect US stamps, too?

No, I’ve remained loyal to Switzerland. It’s a really good way of keeping in touch with people in Switzerland. I often chat with other collectors and dealers and speak to my father two or three times a week.

You’re a leading promoter in US boxing, you’ve worked with world champions like Oscar de la Hoya and David Haye, and Floyd Mayweather is a good friend of yours. Do you talk about your hobby with them?

Absolutely not! They’d probably think I was mad to be so interested in a tiny piece of paper and spend so much money on it! We talk about things that interest them – fast cars and boxing bouts. I keep the two worlds separate.

What’s your favourite stamp?

The Basel Dove, obviously. The first colour stamp – an eternal classic.



Richard Schaefer (59) grew up in Muri bei Bern. He moved to Los Angeles 30 years ago and pursued a career as a banker within Bankverein and UBS. In 2002, he founded “Golden Boy Promotions” with world boxing champion Oscar de la Hoya and quickly rose to the top of the boxing business in the US. In 2014, Schaefer left “Golden Boy” and now runs his own promotion company called “Ringstar Sports”. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife and three sons.



Richard Schaefer
Photo: Jonas Mohr

Colourful stamps



Issue set with single stamps 2/2021



Issue set with first-day covers (FDC) 2/2021

Annual and special products	Mint	Cancelled	Price in CHF
Issue set with single stamps 2/2021			
The single stamps and sets in the 2/2021 issue are displayed on a free A5 backing card and protected with cellophane wrapping.	A361 150	A361 550	13.45
Issue set with first-day covers (FDC) 2/2021			
The first-day covers with single stamps and sets in the 2/2021 issue are combined in one free cover.		A361 580	20.65
2020 year book			
Representing a valuable record of our times, the year book presents the Swiss stamps and first-day cancellations for 2020, along with an exclusive black print, on over 100 pages in four languages (DE/FR/IT/EN). The "COVID-19 Solidarity" commemorative stamp is not included in the year book.	A333 830		69.00
2020 year set			
All Swiss stamps for 2020, clearly laid out on four handy display cards with transparent protective sleeve. The "COVID-19 Solidarity" commemorative stamp is not included in the year set.	A335 320	A335 820	60.60
2020 year set with first-day covers (FDC)			
All the year's first-day covers – including the single stamps, sets or miniature sheets with the respective first-day cancellations.		A335 530	86.90

2021 stamp catalogues	Item no.	Price in CHF
Zumstein		
Switzerland/Liechtenstein/UN Geneva 2021, German/French	A326 725	35.00
Swiss stamp catalogue		
Switzerland 2021, German/French	A326 787	27.00
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